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SUBJ: DESIGN OF NEW EMBASSY OFFICE BUILDING COMPLEX

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1. RAYMOND LUNDGREN, PRESIDENT OF WOODWARD-LUNDGREN AND ASSOCIATES, IN MOSCOW ATTENDING AN INTERNATIONAL SOIL MECHANICS CONFERENCE, INFORMED ADMINOFF ON AUGUST 6 THAT HIS FIRM WOULD BE CONSULTANTS TO SKIDMORE, OWINGS AND MERRILL ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING DESIGN OF FOUNDATION AND BASEMENT OF NEW OB COMPLEX. LUNDGREN IN LATER CONVERSATIONS NOTED THAT HE HAD NOT YET SIGNED CONTRACT WITH SOM, BUT HAD BEEN GIVEN ORAL ASSURANCES THAT HIS FIRM HAS BEEN SELECTED.

2. LUNDGREN REQUESTED EMBASSY TO ASSIST HIM IN OBTAINING INFO FROM SOVIETS ON SOIL STRUCTURE AT BUILDING SITE WHICH HE MUST HAVE BEFORE BEGINNING FOUNDATION DESIGN. ADMINOFF, WITH SEVERAL DAYS FOREWARNING, ACCOMPANIED HIM TO UPDK CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT ON AUGUST 10, WHERE UPDK REP BALOV FURNISHED FIRST HARD INFO EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED ON SITE SOIL STRUCTURE. INFO CONSISTED OF RESULTS OF FIVE TEST BORINGS TAKEN EITHER ON OR NEAR SITE WITHIN LAST TEN TO FIFTEEN YEARS WITH DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF TYPE OF SOIL DOWN TO DEPTH OF AROUND FIFTEEN METERS. INFO BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF BORINGS.

3. BALOV STRESSED THAT IN MAKING THIS INFORMATION
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AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY HE EXPECTED US SIDE TO MAKE

CORRESPONDING INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO SOVIET SIDE
ON MOUNT ALTO SITE.

4. BALOV ALSO NOTED DURING CONVERSATIONS AT SITE THAT NEIGHBORING CEMA BUILDING USED A SLAB FOUNDATION, BUT THAT OTHER BUILDINGS IN THE AREA USED OTHER TYPES OF FOUNDATION, DEPENDING ON THEIR HEIGHT AND STRUCTURE. BALOV REPEATED INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFTEL (B) THAT LOAD BEARING CAPACITY OF SOIL IS 2 TO 2-1/2 KILOGRAMS PER SQUARE CENTIMETER, BUT THIS TIME NOTED THAT THESE FIGURES HOLD TRUE FOR SOIL BELOW FILL/TOP SOIL, WHICH VARIES IN DEPTH FROM 1-1/2 METERS TO 5 METERS ON SITE.

5. LUNDGREN INDICATED HE MAY WRITE TO EMBASSY IN NEAR FUTURE FROM HIS HOME OFFICE (2730 ADELINE STREET, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA) TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN HIRING DRILL RIG TO MAKE FURTHER SIX BORES AT SITE. LUNDGREN IS CONSIDERING SENDING ONE ENGINEER IN TO SUPERVISE DRILLING AND TO TAKE CORES BACK OUT FOR ANALYSIS.
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